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MINUTES
Residential Care Facility Advisory Committee
Tuesday June 12, 2007
Office of the State Fire Marshal, Sacramento, California

PRESENT:

Ernie Paez, Chair, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Stephen Hart, Co-Chair, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Edward J. Garza, Small Provider Alliance
Ken Rohde, Erickson Retirement Community
Greg Lake, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department
Charles Skoien, CRCAC
George Miller, CRCAC
Rocque Yballa, California Fire Chiefs Association
John Avis, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Thomas Stahl, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Kent Miller, NorCal Fire Prevention Officers (FPO)
Cristina Flores, Cristina's Care Homes
Richard Friend, Friend's Home Care
Heather Harrison, California Assisted Living
Bob Gebel, LAAFMA
Denise Johnson, CRCAC

ABSENT:

Bob Gebel, LAAFMA
Sandi Flores, Small Provider Alliance
John Haberek, SoCal FPO
Tricia Nishio, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Joe Rodrigues, Department of Aging (CDA)
Joe Garcia, Tulare County Fire
Cheryl Domnitch, P.E. Hughes and Associates
Barbara Rooney, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Lon Peterson, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Ben Partington, Department of Social Services (DSS)
Eric Dowdy, Aging Services of California
Vikkie Raby, SFM

STAFF:

Ben Ho, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Kevin Reinertson, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)
Steve Guarino, Office of the State Fire Marshal (SFM)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ernie Paez, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1004 hours at the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Headquarters, 1131 S Street, Sacramento, California.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Each attendee gave a brief description of their background and the organization they represent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the minutes from the November 7, meeting were distributed. One correction was noted to item # 1 under general discussion by Heather Harrison. Correction was made. Ben Ho reminded the committee that the minutes for Residential Care Facilities are now posted on the SFM web-site for public viewing.

Action: Greg Lake made a motion to approve; Steve Hart 2nd; all in favor, none opposed; motion carried.

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Richard Friend, Friend's Home Care posed a question to the committee in regards to the provisions of 2001 CBC Section 415A. Question: If a facility for 6 or less clients is fully sprinklered with a 13D system are any of the provisions of 415A applicable? The committee agreed that the provisions of 415A would not be applicable if the facility was fully sprinklered with a 13D system. Ernie Paez will formulate a code interpretation to present to the SFM code interpretation workgroup for approval and posting.
2. Roque Yballa made a motion for the SFM to clarify CBC 1007.6.3.2.2 "Immediate Area" and bring back to the committee. Motion was second by Kent Miller.
3. Roque Yballa made a presentation on rewrites of Section 425 of 2007 California Building Code. Roque will prepare a package and e-mail it to all committee members for review and comments before the package is submitted to SFM Regulations unit.
4. Bob Gebel, Chuck Skoien and Denise Johnson on a newly proposed RCF discussion list similar to the L.A. Area Fire Marshals discussion list. The discussion list will be a communication tool that can be accessed statewide for information that is pertinent to Residential Care Facilities. Denise Johnson will prepare a policy and procedure manual for State Fire Marshal Kate Dargen's review and approval.
5. Ernie Paez reminded the committee that once the 2007 California Building Code is adopted the SFM will only issue code interpretations on SFM amendments. Request for model code interpretation must go to the International Code Council.
6. Ernie Paez reminded the committee that we need to keep focused on the areas that were initially identified by the committee in the committee's goals.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:

1. Christina Flores, Christina Care Homes agreed to provide the committee with training on Hospice care.
2. Thomas Stahl agreed to provide training on Community Care Licensing
3. State Fire Marshal plan review information bulletin handed out.
4. Steve Hart AB 759 residential sprinklers for RCF's going to committee.
5. Steve Hart with a statement that nothing in the CBC prohibits RCFE's from being located in High Fire Severity Zones.

6. A motion was made by Steve Hart that the committee meet every other month rather than quarterly due to the increasing issues that face the committee. Motion was second by Greg Lake. The issue was voted on by the committee; committee will meet every other month.
7. Greg Lake posed a question to the committee: Are other fire departments charging for pre-inspections of RCF facilities? It was pointed out that Health and Safety Code 13235 allows a \$50.00 pre-inspection fee.

ACTION TO BE CARRIED OVER TO NEXT MEETING

- It was suggested that the committee discuss annual inspection requirements for residential care facilities (presently not required). (6 or less)
- Boarders residing within residential care facilities (6 or less)
- Committee agreed to continue discussions regarding the issue of exiting through corridors and hallways in R2.1.1 occupancies.

V. SET MEETING DATE(S)

In accordance with the decision to meet every other month, the next meeting will be Tuesday August 21, 2007, at the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

VI. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Steve Guarino made a motion to adjourn; Ben Ho 2nd, all in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 1314 hours.

Meeting Minutes Developed by:

Ernie Paez, Chief

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